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I. POLICY

Perinatal medical care shall be provided for pregnant youth.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to group homes and youth development centers and shall govern the actions of detention centers in complying with applicable sections of DJJPP Chapter 7 (Health Services).

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 400.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. As a part of the physical assessment and examination process, all females entering a DJJ residential treatment or detention facility shall have a pregnancy test within seven (7) days of admission.
- B. If the youth has tested positive, the continued placement of that youth in a DJJ group home or youth development center shall be upon on the advice and counsel of the primary health care provider and according to the Division of Placement Services policy. Upon completion of the second trimester, continuation in the residential treatment program shall be determined by the DJJ Medical Director.
- C. In recognition of the high-risk nature of adolescent pregnancy, youth remaining in the program after pregnancy has been determined, shall receive regular pre-natal and post-natal care, to include care and management of chemically addicted juveniles, excluding detoxification. This includes routine medical examinations, advice on appropriate activity levels, safety precautions, nutrition, guidance and counseling as ordered and directed by qualified health care professionals, including physicians having obstetrical privileges at the hospital where the delivery is likely to take place.

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- D. Pregnant females shall receive education regarding possible adverse effects on the fetus associated with tobacco, alcohol and other drug use.
- E. Pregnant females shall receive parenting education, unless the youth has opted for adoption.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

Monitoring shall be accomplished by the Medical Director or designee and the Quality Assurance Branch.